

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MLK Briefs

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ing activists in Portland to talk about critical issues facing the Portland metro in regards to diversity, race, privilege, housing, policing, gentrification and economic justice. Three panelists have been selected because of their commitment to and track record on social change.

The three panelists slated to speak are JoAnn Hardesty, Teressa Raiford, and Ibrahim Mubarak.

The Honorable Jo Ann Hardesty is president of the Portland chapter of the NAACP. She is a community organizer and activist who advocates for those on the downside of power. She campaigns for police accountability and racial and economic justice. She hosts a weekly radio program, *Voices from the Edge*. <http://consulthardesty.com/about-2/jah>

Teressa Raiford is the lead organizer of "Don't Shoot Portland" A social justice movement in support of #BlackLivesMatter as a response to police brutality and the criminalization of Black American Youth. She works as a community advocate and is currently educating neighborhoods to provide safety strategies for marginalized communities. The focus is strengthening relationships to fight discrimination and organized hate. <http://dontshootportland.com>

Ibrahim Mubarak is an advocate for the rights of unhoused people, and has been involved in the houseless community, in Portland, Oregon for over 15 years. Ibrahim is a co-founder of Dignity Village (2000), Right to Survive

(2009), and Right 2 Dream Too (2011). <http://www.right2survive.net>

The event is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted for honoraria for the presenters.

For additional information or to schedule an interview, please contact Southminster member, Janet Cruz at (503) 350-1578 or John Shuck, Minister, Southminster Presbyterian Church, and host of Progressive Spirit and Beloved Community on KBOO/Portland, at (423) 943-0634.

Clark College celebrates the Legacy of Dr. King with activist Rosa Clemente

Clark College will honor the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 18, with "Transformation: A New Era of Social Activism," a keynote address delivered by Rosa Clemente. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held in Gaiser Student Center on Clark's main campus from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Driving directions and parking maps are available at www.clark.edu/maps. Individuals who need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event should contact Clark College's Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP), or visit Penguin Union Building (PUB) room 013, as soon as possible.

For more information about this event, visit www.clark.edu/cc/mlk.

Forest Service Waives Fees in Honor of Martin Luther

King Jr. Day

The U.S. Forest Service will waive fees at day-use recreation sites in Oregon and Washington on January 16th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

This fee waiver includes many picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads, and visitor centers. Concession operations will continue to charge fees unless the permit holder wishes to participate. Fees for camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions, or other permits still apply. The fee waiver does not apply to SnoParks although they might be located on national public lands. The SnoPark permit program is sponsored by the States of Oregon and Washington.

Check with your local forest or grassland or on Recreation.gov to see if your destination charges a fee. Go online to find a national forest or grassland near you.

Diverse Voices of Faith to Join for Interfaith Advocacy Day 2017

Community members are invited to join with others from around the state in raising diverse voices of faith to strengthen Oregon communities, attend issue briefings and workshops on advocating for compassionate legislation regarding housing, hunger, health care, gun safety, wage theft and climate justice, then join in a march to the state capitol. Interfaith Advocacy Day 2017 will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 7. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 790 Marion St. NE, Salem.

Organizers will provide talking points and make all necessary appoint-

ments. The registration fee is \$20 per person (\$10 for students) and includes lunch and materials. Register securely online or download a registration form at www.emoregon.org; for more information, call (503) 221-1054. The registration deadline is Feb. 1.

Since 1999, people of faith from across the state of Oregon have gathered in Salem for Interfaith Advocacy Day to collectively raise our voices to advocate for a hopeful future for all Oregonians. Interfaith Advocacy Day 2017 is sponsored by: Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Portland, Interfaith Council of Greater Portland, Islamic Society of Greater Portland, Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, Muslim Educational Trust, Oregon Center for Christian Voices, Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice, and United Methodist Women of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

Endorsers to date include: Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Augustana Lutheran Church, Christ Church Episcopal Parish, Community of Christ in Portland, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregational Church of Lincoln City United Church of Christ, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Dharma Rain Zen Center, Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, Havurah Shalom, Jewish Federation of Lane County, Multnomah Friends Meeting (Quakers), Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety, Parkrose Community United Church of Christ, St. Luke Lutheran Church, St. Mark Lutheran Church, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Vermont Hills United Methodist Church.

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